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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Development of Advanced Intelligence Collection Program

The field of intelligence collection, like various other parts of the Defense program, has become increasingly complex with the advent of our space capability. To provide an effective control over the reconnaissance satellite program, the Secretary of the Air Force has been directed to assume responsibility for this effort and to report on it directly to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

At the same time, certain intelligence sources other than photographic reconnaissance have for some years been the subject of centralized management and control, not only within the Department of Defense, but for the U. S. Government as a whole. Under the terms of National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 6, the fields of communications intelligence and electronics intelligence are managed and operated under the control of the Director, National Security Agency (NSA), on behalf of the Secretary of Defense as executive agent of the Government.

In order to maintain this centralized control in keeping with the intent of the NSC directive, it is essential that all elements of the Department of Defense engaged in the development of COMINT or ELINT applications of satellite vehicles, cooperate closely with the Director, NSA. The latter will be kept informed as early in the process of planning and development as is feasible, either directly or through the Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, under whose overall supervision the NSA Research and Development program operates, so that determinations can be made at the effective moment. The Director, NSA, will in turn provide guidance concerning COMINT and ELINT requirements and will render technical assistance within his capability.

Signed

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